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SUBJECT: YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL
INTERDEPENDENCE

1. FOLLOWING IS GENERAL OVERVIEW OF POST'S SEMINAR FOR
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AT TAGAYTAY. FURTHER DETAILS FOR EACH
INDIVIDUAL TO COME JUNE 10.

2. FOR RPO TOKYO: PLS PASS TO OVERHOLT, BLOOM.

3. FOR SEOUL: PLEASE PASS TO BEHRMAN.

4. FOR PGM/DE: PLS PASS TO POWELSON. APPRECIATE KNOWING
HIS ETA, ACCOMMODATIONS, ETC. CAN WE FACILITATE?

5. SEMINAR RATIONALE: NO SECTOR IN RP SOCIETY IS MORE
SKEPTICAL, QUESTIONING ABOUT ISSUES CRUCIAL TO US-RP
RELATIONS THAN SOCIALLY COMMITTED YOUTH (FOR PURPOSES THIS
PROJECT APPROX AGES 25-35). NATIONALIST SENTIMENT WIDE-
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SPREAD, STRONGLY FELT WITHIN THIS AGE GROUP, AS ARE
AMBIVALENT, IF NOT NEGATIVE PERCEPTIONS ABOUT US INTER-
ACTION WITH RP. ALSO MIXED WITH THESE PERCEPTIONS IS
GENERAL DISTRUST OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY MOTIVES RE LDCS.
CERTAINLY THESE ATTITUDES NOT NECESSARILY ARTICLES OF
FAITH WITH ALL, BUT BALANCED DIALOGUE ON US-RP AND FIRST-
THIRD WORLD RELATIONS DOES NOT EXIST. THROUGH LOCAL MEDIA,

ACADEMIC AND POLITICAL OPINION LEADERS, PRIMARILY PRO-PHILIPPINE (USUALLY ANTI-US) VIEWS MOST OFTEN, EMOTIONALLY EFFECTIVELY EXPRESSED. OCCASIONAL OFFICIAL RHETORIC ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF US-RP TIES TENDS TO BE LOST, DISCOUNTED BY MANY. POST HOPES ESTABLISH THRU SEMINAR BEGINNING OF ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH SELECTED, PROMISING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS.

6. SEMINAR OBJECTIVES: A. TO ENCOURAGE MORE BALANCED CONSIDERATION OF US MOTIVES AND POLICIES WITH REGARD LDCS IN GENERAL, RP IN PARTICULAR.

- B. TO CALL ATTENTION TO US CONCERN FOR LEGITIMATE 3RD WORLD NEEDS; EMPHASIZE US READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AIMED AT MEETING THOSE NEEDS.

- C. PUT FORWARD VIEW THAT NORTH/SOUTH QUESTIONS MOST PRODUCTIVELY APPROACHED THROUGH OBJECTIVE, ISSUE-ORIENTED NEGOTIATIONS AND ACTIONS RATHER THAN RHETORICAL EXCHANGES.

7. SCHEDULE: JUNE 30 LATE AFTERNOON, LV. FOR TAGAYTAY. AFTER DINNER, JACK BEHRMAN KEYNOTES ON NEW ECONOMIC ORDER.

- JULY 1, AM: DISCUSSION WITH BEHRMAN. PM: WILLIAM OVERHOLD ON US-ASIA RELATIONS.

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- JULY 2, AM: JAMES ANDERSON (UCAL BERKELY ANTHROPOLOGIST) ON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS; PM: JUSTIN BLOOM (TOKYO SCIATT) ON ENERGY ALTERNATIVES.

- JULY 3, AM: MERCEDES CONCEPCION (UP) ON POPULATION; PM: PETER KENMORE (IRRI) ON FOOD.

- JULY 4, AM: MODERATOR JOHN POWELSON WRAPS UP. PM: DEPART FOR MANILA.

8. PRESENTATIONS: HOPE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE WITH AUDIENCE ON ISSUES TREATED. THUS REQUEST SPEAKERS TO LIMIT PRESENTATIONS TO NO MORE THAN 30 MINUTES AS ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM. REQUEST EACH TO PREPARE BRIEF LIST OF QUESTIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE RAISED IF POSSIBLE DURING DISCUSSION TO AMPLIFY EARLIER POINTS OR EXPLORE RELATED ISSUES. THIS FOR GUIDANCE OF MODERATOR.

9. SEMINAR INVITEES: FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN VERY ROUGH BUT GIVES GENERAL IDEA OF PRECEDENCE: LAW/POLITICS, 5; BUSINESS/MANAGEMENT, 12; MEDIA, 8; ECONOMICS/FINANCE, 9; HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES, 6.

10. ACCOMMODATIONS: VILLA ADELAIDA, TAGAYTAY CITY (ABOUT
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